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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/08065, filed October 26, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98120357.3, filed October 28, 1998, and of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/106,627, filed November 2, 1998.

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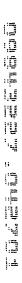
- 2. Preliminary Amendment.
- 3. Appendix to Preliminary Amendment Date April 27, 2001, with Abstract of the disclosure (1 page).
- 4. Drawings 3 sheets of formal drawings containing 5 figures.
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